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September 15, 2016

PARTIES OF RECORD

Re: Case No. 2016-00162
Minutes of the Information Session and Public Meeting
Lexington Public Library, 1733 Russell Cave Road
Lexington, Kentucky
September 14, 2016

Attached is a copy of the memorandum summarizing the public meeting held September 14, 2016, in Lexington, Kentucky, which is being filed in the record of the above-referenced case. If you have any questions, please contact Molly Katen, Staff Attorney, at 502-782-2591.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Talina R. Mathews".

Talina R. Mathews
Executive Director

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Attachment

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC. FOR AN) CASE NO. 2016-00162
ADJUSTMENT IN RATES)

MINUTES OF THE INFORMATION SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING
LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 5:30 P.M.

A public information session and public meeting was held at the Lexington Public Library in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, on September 14, 2015. Andrew Melnykovich, Director of Communications for the Public Service Commission, conducted the information session introducing the Commission and Commission Staff, and explained the procedure and protocol for the information session and the public hearing. Mr. Melnykovich then presented an overview of the legal basis, criteria and review process for the Commission's consideration of applications for proposed rate increases. The presentation included a general overview of the instant application, explained which aspects of this case are within the Commission's jurisdiction, and concluded with a question-and-answer period with Commission Staff.

At the conclusion of the information session and after a short intermission, Chairman Michael Schmitt initiated the public hearing portion of the meeting, providing a brief overview of the case at bar, the parties involved, and setting forth the procedure and protocol for the taking of comments. Chairman Schmitt then invited the public to

make comments to the Commission regarding Columbia Gas's application for an adjustment in rates. Two Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia Gas") ratepayers made public comments on the record. The first person identified herself as Maria Stark and stated that she is opposed to any rate increase, but particularly to the proposed rate increase. Ms. Stark stated that in her opinion, Columbia Gas's proposed rate increase is unduly burdensome to low income ratepayers. Ms. Stark said that rental housing costs and energy have increased, while income has remained stagnant. Ms. Stark strongly opposes the proposed rise of fixed costs for the customer charge. Ms. Stark stated that ratepayers of low income and retirees have a fixed income and that the increase in fixed cost diminishes these ratepayers' ability to control their monthly bill and discourages energy conservation. Ms. Stark urged the Commission to consider the "just" factor in analyzing whether Columbia Gas's proposed rate increase is "fair, just and reasonable." Ms. Stark stated that the Commission should allow ratepayers to enjoy the relatively low natural gas costs right now since inevitably those costs will rise in the future.

The second person to make public comment identified herself as Susan Durant, a Columbia Gas ratepayer. Ms. Durant said she concurred with the statements made by Ms. Stark, opposed the proposed rate increase, and added that as a retiree, she has a limited income and cannot afford the proposed rate increase.

No other member of the public wished to make a comment. The meeting was then adjourned. All persons in attendance were asked to sign in and provide their home address for the record. The sign-in sheet is attached hereto as Appendix A.

Columbia Gas of Ky 2016-00162

PUBLIC MEETING - SIGN-IN SHEET

~~Case No. 2015-00418 - Kentucky American Water Co. rate adjustment~~

~~Lexington, June 7, 2016~~ 9/14/2016

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2 Kent Chandler	1024 Capital Center Dr	YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
3 Judy Cooper	2001 Mercer Rd. Lex, Ky 40511	YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
4 Susie Durr	2001 Mercer Rd. Lex, Ky	YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
5 Maria Starck	416 E. High St. Lex, Ky 40507	YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
6 S Durant	109 Swigert Lex KY 40505	YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
7		YES	NO
8		YES	NO
9		YES	NO
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